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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: GARY BOCCADUTRE and PAUL V. MANNINO

TITLE: IMPROVED POWER ASSISTED LEVER ARM RATCHET

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Examiner: SHAKERI, HADI

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Docket No.:FRB211A12

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2009 and stating a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on December 15, 2009.

Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.